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Zilstra acknowledged as Highlander of the Year

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Context means a lot. The place, the time, the setting that you know someone - those are all factors that contribute to the knowledge and understanding around that person.

When David Zilstra was announced as the Highlander of the Year during the annual Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala on Oct. 20, no one was surprised. Zilstra is seen around the community in everything from Highlands Summer Festival productions to behind the scenes at the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation.

Everyone knows him, but each from a different context. "It would be fair to say that few people are as committed to the Haliburton Highlands as David Zilstra is," reads the first line from his letter of nomination. "For nearly twenty years, David has been working tirelessly behind the scenes in Haliburton County, serving on a variety of boards, committees, service clubs and more."

Zilstra moved to the community in 2005. Originally hailing from Whitby, Ontario, he jumped in with two feet the second he landed in the community. "I always grew up being involved in things," he said, referencing his childhood of joining boy scouts and volunteering at various organizations as he grew up. "I like to get involved in things, and if you really want to get involved, there are



Bird is the word

Yours Outdoors' Predator Prowl gave those who attended a look into the daily lives of falconers from Royal Canadian Falconry by a close up view of an American Kestrel, Peregrine hybrid, Gyrfalcon, Red-tailed hawk and a Harris' hawk on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The experience also included an in depth overview of the Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve's resident wolves. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

so many ways to do that."

Many would recognize Zilstra from the Rotary Club in Haliburton, where he was the president in 2014-2015. "As a Rotarian, he has been honoured with a Presidential Citation and the Fred Jones Award," reads his nomination. "Some of his Rotary highlights include chairing the famous Pumpkin Roll at the annual Col-ourfest event, and helping to organize initiatives such as Music in the Park."

On top of Haliburton Rotary, Zilstra is the current president of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area (BIA). This is one of those roles that's a little more behind the scenes, but to be frank, Haliburton looks as good as it does thanks to the tireless efforts of Zilstra and the local BIA team working in collaboration with Dysart et al to ensure flowers are watered, banners are hung, and decorations are placed.

To further his creative interest, Zilstra is a member of the Highlands Summer Festival Board, and works diligently to bring high-end theatrical productions for all to enjoy in the Haliburton Highlands. He has even graced the stage himself more than once to dabble in acting, singing, and dancing.

To round out his resume of involvement, Zilstra is heavily involved in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board, making decisions about upcoming fundraising initiatives, and dedicating time and energy to ensure the people of the community have access to the best rural healthcare measures. "His active work on the board has helped bring in thousands of fundraised dollars for capital equipment," shared his nomination.

But the way we all know David Zilstra, the context he is clearest in for so many, is as the publisher of the *Haliburton Echo*, the *Minden Times*, *County Life*, and two

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'Busy, eh?': Remembering Gerald

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

There are a few key staples in Haliburton County; the steely grey plane that's nose nods to Head Lake, the locomotive that casts a beam of light onto the high school, and Gerald McKnight, who would greet each passerby with a "busy, eh?" as they carried on with their day.

"He was always out and about in the community," shared his friend, Tim Tofflemire.

Tofflemire has worked with Community Living for the past 23 years, and met Gerald right when he started. "Once you get past the occasional gruff exterior, he was a real teddy bear underneath," chuckled Tofflemire.

"He was a very good man," echoed Michelle Cooper, another long-term staff member at Community Living, and dear friend to Gerald, "and his community was his whole world."

Gerald moved to Haliburton in 1986, and settled into Community Living. The not-for-profit facility offers individuals living with developmental disabilities opportunities to succeed in their day-to-day lives. "Gerald was supported by Community Living to work towards independent living, and eventually got his own apartment," said Tofflemire. "That's something we work towards."

Having come from an institution in Cobourg prior to settling in Haliburton, with no biological family identified and a sullied past with negative experiences in institutions, Gerald was welcomed into the community with open arms. "These institutions were not a nice place to be," said Tofflemire, "and if he was growing up in this day and age, it would be a lot different. But he had a hard time before coming here."

Upon settling into the community, Gerald picked up an immediate interest in the local garbage trucks, and was given the opportunity to ride on the back of the trucks to collect weekly garbage. Tofflemire shared that one of Gerald's colleagues from that time referred to him as



Gerald McKnight was well known around the community for his enthusiasm, presence, and energy. He passed away at the age of 72 on Oct. 6. He will be missed by many. /photo by Tim Tofflemire

the "here and now guru", claiming that his outlook on life was always just to exist in the moment.

Other locals would recall seeing Gerald at his regular seat in the Village Donut shop, that at one point resided across from Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton. "He was a regular there," chuckled Tofflemire, "definitely a daily visitor."

Gerald's signature catchphrase was "busy, eh?", as many locals knew and appreciated. "He could have a conversation with anyone," said Teresa Jordan, the executive director of Community Living. "And what an invitation to speak. He always welcomed the conversation that brought on."

Tofflemire shared that Gerald's two big passions were trains and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). "One time, we couldn't find Gerald, realized we hadn't seen him all day in town," said Tofflemire, saying they went on to contact the local police to see if they could track him down. Upon the call being made, another officer buzzed in to say they had him. "A few officers were headed down to Orillia for the day, and he decided to join them," said Tofflemire, "they brought him down and gave him a private tour of the station. That used to happen a lot. He'd get these private tours around OPP stations and would leave with a bunch of

stuff they gave him."

There was another time that Gerald arrived onsite to a situation where a deer had been hit, and the OPP were dealing with it. Gerald would always carry a pager around, given to him by his friends at the OPP. In the midst of the call, his pager went off, and the OPP were surprised as Gerald hastily left the scene. Within minutes, he was spotted in the back of a fire truck, racing off to another local emergency with the Dysart firefighters.

"It was his smile," Tofflemire said, when asked how Gerald managed to charm his way into so many situations, "people would connect with him, and he was really included in so many things. People went out of their way to make him feel included."

When Gerald wasn't helping out the emergency services, he volunteered consistently with the maintenance departments at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and Fleming College in Haliburton. The staff grew to enjoy his presence so much that they would pay for his cab fare to and from Community Living to ensure he was there as often as he could be.

Tofflemire said that despite his occasional gruffness, Gerald was deeply caring in his core, always asking about the

staff, and concerned about people who were sick or absent. "He would cry," said Tofflemire, "if there was a loss or sadness, he would get very emotional."

Cooper agreed wholeheartedly, sharing that his community was his family in so many ways, "I saw a side to him that so many others didn't get to see," she said, "we would spend many days crying together. He would get especially sad if anyone in his community passed away."

Cooper shared that when she went to school for working with individuals with developmental disabilities, she was always taught to "not get attached". But with Gerald, that was impossible. "He was my best friend," she said, noting that he would come over for birthday dinners, family outings, and Christmases. "Christmas was his favourite time of the year," she reflected, sharing that he absolutely adored Santa Claus, and the spirit of the holidays. "Even when he went into the long term care home, he was so concerned about Santa finding him there. I said, 'don't worry Ger, Santa will always find you,' she chuckled nostalgically.

Gerald passed away at the age of 72 at Hyland Crest in Haliburton. He had been living his last few years at the facility, and received care, compassion, and patience from the team. "I can't thank them enough for the care they provided Gerald," said Cooper.

Having no known family, to Gerald, Community Living and Haliburton Village were his family, his safe space, his home. And his presence brought out the best in this town; opening their days, their spaces, their minds, and their hearts to this person who lived his life in the moment, and who found true happiness in the day-to-day.

Gerald added a little joy and charm to all those who knew him, and those who did not, at least recognized the staple in our town. "He lived such a good life," said Cooper, "Haliburton was so good to him. He was a very good man, and I don't think he would have any complaints."

Don't worry, Gerald. We will stay busy, eh.

Awards Gala an 'inspirational evening'

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other community newspapers in Bancroft. While Highlander of the Year is an award given that's not necessarily a reflection of professional endeavours, Zilstra's ties to local newspapers are instrumental in his community involvement.

"This job and the community work I do really go hand in hand," said Zilstra, noting that much of his time is dedicated to listening to people, to learning from people, and to sharing a mutual interest in the betterment of our community.

When asked about his favourite organization to be a part of, Zilstra chuckled. "Each organization is like family to me," he said, "if I had to pick a favourite, it would be like picking a favorite child."

Zilstra noted that even though he is proud of the accomplishment, he feels humbled by the number of nominees, and the winners who were present at the evening. "It was a very inspirational evening," he said, "a great celebration of our community."

Overall, Zilstra has dedicated thousands of hours to making our community brighter, bolder, and more beautiful. His long-term commitment to sharing the highs and addressing the lows of rural life is seen in his work ethic, resilience, and passion for the Haliburton Highlands. "David's passion for Haliburton County



Winners of the 2023 Haliburton Highlands Chamber Gala awards stand for a photo on Friday, Oct. 20 at the Eagle View Event Centre at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

is clear and constant," said his nomination form, "and is shown throughout all his diligent work and volunteer efforts. There is no one more deserving of this honour and award."

From everyone at this local newspaper, we congratulate our publisher, David Zilstra, for not only putting our paper on the map, but making our community a lit-

tle bit better, each and every day. We're lucky to have him in each and every context he's involved in.

The following are additional award winners from the Chamber Gala on Oct. 20:

- Warden's Award (presented by Liz Daniels: Places for People
- Highlander of the Year: David Zilstra

- Customer First - Business: Haliburton County Chiropractic & Rehabilitation
- Customer First - Employee: Rebecca Neave
- Young Professional of the Year: Sarah Dollo
- Tourism and Hospitality: Boshkung Brewery
- Not-for-Profit of the Year: Abbey Retreat Centre
- Business Woman of the Year: Brandi Hewson, Kohara & Co
- Innovation and Creativity: Kennis Lake Marina
- New Business of the Year: Sweat Social Health and Fitness
- Industry and Trade: Chaulk Woodworking
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Jenn Emmerson
- Business Achievement Award: Sylvia Holland Wind in the Willows
- Fleming Crew's Employer of the Year: Pfefferlaw Creek Farms

Correction

In the Oct. 10 edition of the *Echo*, the Places for People Community Bonds story incorrectly stated \$85,000 worth of bonds were purchased. The correct amount is \$850,000.



Murdoch Mysteries in Minden

Left, Maureen Jennings, author of the *Murdoch Mysteries* books that became the hit TV series, presented at the 15th annual Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Gala and Silent Auction on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Minden branch. Jennings shared examples of inspiration for some of her stories and answered audience questions during the presentation. Proceeds raised at the event support HCPL initiatives.

Above, audience members raise their hands to ask Jennings questions during the 15th annual Friends of Haliburton County Public Library Gala. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

COVID-19 vaccines are a tough find in Haliburton County

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some pharmacies are still waiting for the latest COVID-19 vaccine in Haliburton County.

That's despite the provincial government's advisory to get the needle as soon as possible and assurances that the vaccine would be available by the end of September or beginning of October for vulnerable people health-wise.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health Unit issued an advisory Oct. 3 to inform residents that the XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccine will be available for those at high risk and those aged 65 years and over.

"The Ministry of Health released its COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance which recommends a dose of the XBB 1.5-containing COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, providing protection for the new Omicron XBB variant," the public health advisory stated. "Residents who have not been previously vaccinated can receive the XBB.1.5 COVID-19 vaccine to start the series."

The provincial Ministry of Health and Long-term Care recommends people update their fall vaccinations for COVID-19 and influenza as soon as the jabs are available.

It was anticipated that the shots would have been available at the end of September or the beginning of October for hospital patients and staff and residents of long-term care facilities.

People high at risk for flu-related health complications and first responders were also urged to get the jab at the beginning of October.

Vaccines for the general population is expected to be available by the end of October.

The Ministry of Health said in a mid-September press release that staying safe during this respiratory illness season by way of the necessary vaccines will prevent visits to hospitals.

"Our government is making sure Ontarians can connect to tools they need to keep themselves and their loved ones safe and healthy throughout fall respira-

tory season," said Health Minister Sylvia Jones.

"We are working with our partners across the health care system to continue to support hospitals and their staff while making it easier for people to access the care they need, in their community."

But the things is, there seems to nary a COVID-19 vaccine to be found at many pharmacies in Haliburton County.

Ashley Beaulac, the manager of communications for Dr. Natalie Bocking, the region's medical officer of health, said the public health unit is still awaiting word about vaccines.

"We haven't received any word yet from the province in respect to the COVID-19 vaccine for the general public," Beaulac said, and added that there's been no information about the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine either.

Bocking told the unit's board members Oct. 19 that influenza season has started in the region with the confirmation of a pair of cases within the health unit's territory. Based on reported symptoms, there's a moderate increase in cases so far this year compared to last year.

But the increase is at levels that are somewhat expected, Bocking said.

"This doesn't mean we won't start to see a further increase," she said. "I think we're still only at the beginning."

Shots for influenza are available at some pharmacies in the county. And the COVID-19 vaccine just arrived at the Haliburton Highland Pharmacy. So recently, in fact, that the pharmacist there said Oct. 20 that they're yet to be unpacked for distribution.

COVID-19 shots are available at the Shoppers Drug Mart in Haliburton, but staff at the Rexall say it's a needle they're still waiting to receive.

At the Minden Pharmasave, the flu shot is just starting to roll in but there are no shots for COVID-19. And the pharmacy at Highlands Remedy's in Minden shares that circumstance.

"Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations, get an annual flu shot when it becomes available, stay home when you feel sick, wash your hands often and cover your mouth when you cough or

sneeze," said Dr. Kieran Moore, the province's chief medical officer of health.

"COVID-19 activity is rising with new variants circulating and other seasonal respiratory illnesses are expected

early this year. These small decisions are proven to have a big impact on keeping everyone in our communities safe and healthy."

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Acoustic sessions

Right, singer-songwriter Madeleine Roger performed Saturday evening at the Highland Hills United Church in Minden as part of Haliburton County Folk Society concert series. The Winnipeg native performed original songs from her 2018 debut album *Cottonwood* as well as playing a few from her forthcoming album due out in 2024. Haliburton's very own Laren Main opened the evening with a four-song set.

Below, Laren Main opens the evening with a four-song set at the Highland Hills United Church in Minden. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*



Public health unit takes steps against opioid crisis

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Public Health District is about in the middle of all other districts when

it comes to the number of opioid overdose related hospital visits.

Dr. Natalie Bocking, the unit's medical officer of health, said during the public health board's Oct. 19 meeting that there were 13 opioid toxicity deaths from January to May in the HKPR district. In 2022, the total number of overdose deaths across the region was 35 for the entire year.

"We're somewhat at the same level as what happened through the year (last year) from January to May," Bocking said.

The drug poisoning trend that's been seen in a number of jurisdictions had been increasing in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic before slightly declining to the current plateau.

"And certainly not going back down to levels we saw prior to 2016," Bocking said.

She said the HKPR public health unit has a mandate to respond to the ongoing drug poisoning crisis. It has protocols related to substance use prevention and harm reduction. Current primary activities are related to surveillance and data collection from paramedics and emergency rooms.

"We know that, if it reaches a certain point, we will issue alerts to the community that we're seeing a higher number than what we have seen of presentations to the emergency departments or calls for overdoses," Bocking said.

A new community response plan is being coordinated with partner organizations to enable a quick response to a high level of opioid overdoses.

The local drug strategy centres on a coalition of institutions and community organizations with the overlapping mandate to address the harmful use of substances in the community. Those groups include the health unit, paramedics, police, hospitals, and various Haliburton County services.

Community groups include the John Howard Society, Greenwood Coalition, and PARN.

"By coordinating our efforts we're likely to make a larger difference than each working parallel," Bocking said.

Respiratory illness season begins

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But the increase is at levels that are somewhat expected, Bocking said.

"This doesn't mean we won't start to see a further increase," she said. "I think we're still only at the beginning."

Respiratory illness season last year peaked earlier than pre-pandemic levels. That was at the end of November.

"So we'll continue to see an increase going into November, but hopefully not at what we experienced last fall," she said.

Bocking said it's important for people to stay up-to-date on their vaccinations, which will entail jabs for influenza and COVID-19. For people older than 60 years old and living in a long-term care facility, there's a new vaccine against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

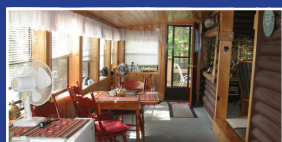
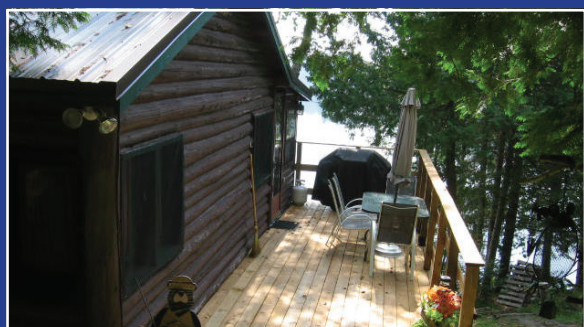
What used to be just the single flu shot in the fall of the year has become three needles, she said.

"We have seen an increase in COVID-19 activity, and this is primarily marked by an increase in the number of outbreaks that had been identified at long-term care homes and in hospital settings."

Thankfully, she said, the increase hasn't been overly dramatic like the activity in previous surges of the virus.

Currently, people of higher risk for severe illness are getting the latest COVID vaccine. The general public will be eligible at the end of October, she said.

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The County of Haliburton hosted their second annual business summit on Oct. 19 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride. The theme was "strong communities build stronger businesses", and was tied into the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week celebrations. /photos submitted

Tourism group plans survey of industry stakeholders

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization put the cap on another successful season.

The OHTO, which began in 2010, is one of 13 regional tourism organizations created by the provincial government as a means to more effectively coordinate tourism development efforts and increase visitation to Ontario.

It's mandate is to build and support a competitive tourism region through marketing and product development.

Meghan James, the OHTO's chief governing officer, said during the group's Oct. 17 annual general meeting that the region's tourism operators have bounced

back from restrictions imposed with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It has been so great to watch as our region has grown, adapted, and moved forward to continue offering many great experiences for our visitors," she said. "We have adapted and continue to find ways to showcase what we have to offer."

She said she's encouraged by the engagement of those in the tourism industry and it's a reflection of why most participants are in the business.

"It's a people business and without our relationships and the sharing of ideas, we simply couldn't be a tourism destination," she said. "We come together in challenging times and we celebrate success together."

The return of in-person connections after pandemic lockdowns has enabled

the OHTO to continue to work toward a more responsible approach and to strengthen communities through responsible tourism.

And many of region's businesses have jumped on board with the OHTO's initiatives.

Much of the success would not be possible without the support of the province through its regional tourism organization program and, more recently, the federal government by way of FedDev Ontario within the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

"We are pleased they recognize our role as an organization to deliver support to the tourism sector in a special part of rural eastern Ontario," James said.

The rural voice can sometimes be overlooked, she said. But OHTO has worked

hard to develop relationships with funders and have encouraged individual tourism operators to impress upon the various levels of government the importance of supporting the sector.

While there's encouragement in what's being seen, she said OHTO recognizes the industry's dynamic nature. That show the importance of input from tourism operators.

James said the organization will launch a tourism community survey in which all tourism stakeholders are asked to participate. OHTO is committed to "responding to the needs of our industry, but we can only do that if we hear from you," she said.

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Attendees of the Friends of Haliburton County Public Library's annual gala on Sunday were treated to a presentation by an acclaimed storyteller.

Maureen Jennings, author of the *Murdoch Mysteries* novels, shared bits of where her own inspiration comes from.

She spoke about her own books and

why storytelling is important to her.

"What I love is we're all so unique.

If I said to each of you, go out for half an hour and find a story that is interesting to you, everybody would have a different one. Even though we're all in the same environment, they would all be different," Jennings said.

I am personally a big fan of biographies and stories based on "real life" events.

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The way each of my coworkers write stories is different from one another. And thank goodness for that diversity and complexity.

Finding empathy is how we understand others, which again, is the foundation of our existence here.

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How special is it to live in a world like this, full of billions stories and storytellers?



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Editorial



A golden encore on Pelaw Lake.

By Laura Smith

Consideration must be paid, don'tcha know

Dear Reader,

Have you ever looked up the word consideration in the dictionary?

Well, I have just now to make sure I still know what it means, because it seems like too many folks here in Lake WhaddayathinkI mean have forgotten. And I'll tell you why I say that, but first...

According to ol' Merriam Webster's dictionary, consideration means: thoughtful and sympathetic regard. Again, thoughtful ... and sympathetic ... regard. You know I'm leading up to something, don't you? You know the smoke is beginning to seep out my ears and nostrils, don't you? Well, here's why...

COVID's back. Big-time. That's right. Why folks are falling like flies in a windstorm.

Ethel McCreedy, Jenny Whittenheimer, and Sarah Plutesmier all got it volunteering together at St. Ann's Second Time Around Store. One of the gals evidently brought it in with her, and now they're all sick as bow-wows, don'tcha know ... for three weeks running, to boot.

Creemore Whitterspoon got it from sitting in front of somebody hacking their head off at a concert, don'tcha know. In fact, four other people ol' Maybelle knows got sick the same way.

People who should be staying home when they don't feel well are going to the Legion, the theatre, concerts, parties, all kinds of social events, group get-togethers, meetings, knowing full-well that they aren't well. Why, some folks even go to work like that, getting other folks sick, which brings me back to ol' Merriam's definition of consideration, don'tcha know.

Now, don't get me wrong. If anybody's sick of hearing about COVID, it's me! I've had it up to my hairline ...

and it's a pretty high hairline at that. But, it's something we all have to deal with and be smart about. And CONSIDERATE about, too, don'tcha know.

So, how do we do that?

For one, if you have to go out and you're not feeling well, mask up! Don't want to mask up? Then don't go out! Have a friend bring you groceries or whatever you happen to need.

Don't want to test yourself for COVID, but you feel really sluggish and achy? Rest up and stay IN. Also, it's not just about COVID. The same goes for having cold or flu symptoms. Any one of this trio is contagious. Why even my good friends, Twindle Mumbly and Vilma Yucch had to be reminded to stay home and take care of themselves when they were feeling yucky and wanted more than anything to come to one of our get-togethers. As it turned out, Twindle came down with COVID and Vilma had influenza for three weeks.

You know, the median age of folks living in Lake WhaddayathinkI mean is: old.

And that means, a lot of folks are immune-compromised. And what THAT means is ... they have some chronic condition that could have dire consequences if they got hit by COVID.

Now, I wish from the bottom, top, sides, front and back of my heart that you, dear reader, and all the good folks in Lake WhaddayathinkI mean stay healthy from this day forward. But, it's going to take more than ol' Maybelle's wishes to keep you safe. It will take teamwork and focused, uh, uh, what's the word? ... consideration, don'tcha know.

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points of view

Eagle food

MY BEST FRIEND Tom is a falconer who also rehabilitates birds of prey.

As such, he has hungry mouths to feed.

Tom loves his birds of prey in a way that's difficult to comprehend, especially since the talon and beak inflicted scars on his hands and arms don't exactly demonstrate the feeling is mutual.

Last summer, he was nursing a young bald eagle named Howie back to health.

That's right, Howie.

More specifically, he was teaching Howie to survive in the wild. Part of that means teaching it how to fish.

That's why Tom and I were on the shore of a local lake fishing for rock bass that day.

We had just caught a few when the S and M couple arrived. To be clear, I'm not talking about the kinky S and M. No, this kind is much worse and even harder to watch.

That's right, they were a social media couple.

They exited their respective doors talking passionately to cellphones that were already rolling and on outstretched selfie sticks. They moved simultaneously, as if it were choreographed, to stay out of the other's shot. Both did a cinematic semi-circle until the lake was in the background, presumably so their followers could enjoy nature as God intended – from a two by five inch phone screen. It was beautiful.

Almost as an afterthought, two children spilled out of the vehicle. One was a toddler and the other was perhaps four years old. Sadly, the poor little guys didn't have a

cell phone between them, so they just had to experience the setting without distraction – or parental guidance.

It was almost like watching a David Attenborough documentary showing the Influencer in its native habitat. Each parent was smiling and speaking to their respective phones, presumably documenting the kind of creative content that's going to make a difference.

Tom and I looked at each other.

"I've had enough," we said.

On the way back to my house, where he parked his car, we tried to understand. There were so many questions. Among them: Of all the lakes in the County, why choose this one? What did we ever do to them? Also, why document the same scene separately? How did the toddler get out of his car seat? And why didn't they use the tiny little guy as a prop to gain even more likes and followers?

By the way, when I posed that last question, Tom said, "Probably because you looked grumpy."

We both sighed as we slow-rolled through their background, causing what I imagine was an editing nightmare.

Once at his car, Tom got out a cooler that was filled with enough ice to transport a vital organ. Into this, he carefully placed the still-living rock bass to present Howie with fresh live fish so it could do what eagles do. And I'm not talking about posing for US-based tee shirts either.

But, before Tom drove off, we spoke a little more about the Influencers.

"I don't get it," he said.

"Get what?" I replied.

"How can people go to a beautiful lake and then spend the whole time there looking at themselves on the screen of their phones?" he asked.

"They're just trying to find their best side," I replied. "Everyone is just trying to find their best side."

"Not us," he said.

I nodded.

And then, as we looked into his car's shiny windows, we took a little time to reflect.



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Loon Tales

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Giving workers a piece of the action

DO CANADIAN workers have the right to get a share of the profits they help generate?

I would argue that they do, and what's more, I believe that profit sharing should be one of the cornerstone principles in a new Canadian Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities.

Profit sharing is one of seven key economic charter principles I highlighted in last week's column. It would require all large companies in Canada with more than 300 employees to share annual profits with their workers.

At Magna International Inc., the Canadian auto parts company I founded, profit sharing was a core principle in the economic charter of rights that we enshrined in our governing Corporate Constitution. The economic rights contained in the Corporate Constitution made every employee a partner in profitability.

Because our employees knew they would get a portion of the profits we generated, they put their heart and soul into making quality products at a competitive price. With profit sharing in place, revenue and profits skyrocketed in the years that followed and placed Magna on the path of phenomenal growth and expansion.

Harvard Business School labelled our profit sharing philosophy, "Magna's success formula". And that formula was based on the belief that all of the company's key stakeholders should share in the success of the business – or what we described as "getting a piece of the action."

When Magna celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2007, the company had shared more than \$1 billion in profits with employees – and it has shared hundreds of millions more since then.

I believe we should implement the same profit-sharing principle on a national scale through a Canadian Economic Charter of

Rights & Responsibilities.

A company can't make a profit without the hard work, creativity and resourcefulness of its employees. And when companies are making record profits, they should have to share some of those profits with their employees.

Sharing profits with workers would not only benefit employees, but it would also benefit companies and governments. Companies would see an increase in productivity and generate higher profits. Employees would get to pocket more money. And governments would bring in more tax revenue.

We would end up creating a system where wealth is distributed more evenly and fairly throughout the economy, rather than remaining concentrated in the hands of a relatively few wealthy individuals. One thing is for certain: if we fail to find a way to allow workers to participate in sharing some of the profits they produce, our living standards will continue to erode.

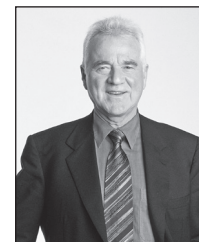
Creating an economic right of sharing profits with workers would basically be a recognition that our economy is driven by three forces: smart managers, hard-working employees, and investors.

All three have the right to share in the profits of the business.

With profit sharing as a core right in a new economic charter, more Canadian workers would begin to reap the benefits of having a financial stake in their place of employment, and Canadian businesses would become much more productive and competitive.

That's a win-win scenario that's difficult to ignore.

If you would like to learn more about how a Canadian Economic Charter of Rights can improve Canadian living standards, please email info@economiccharter.ca.



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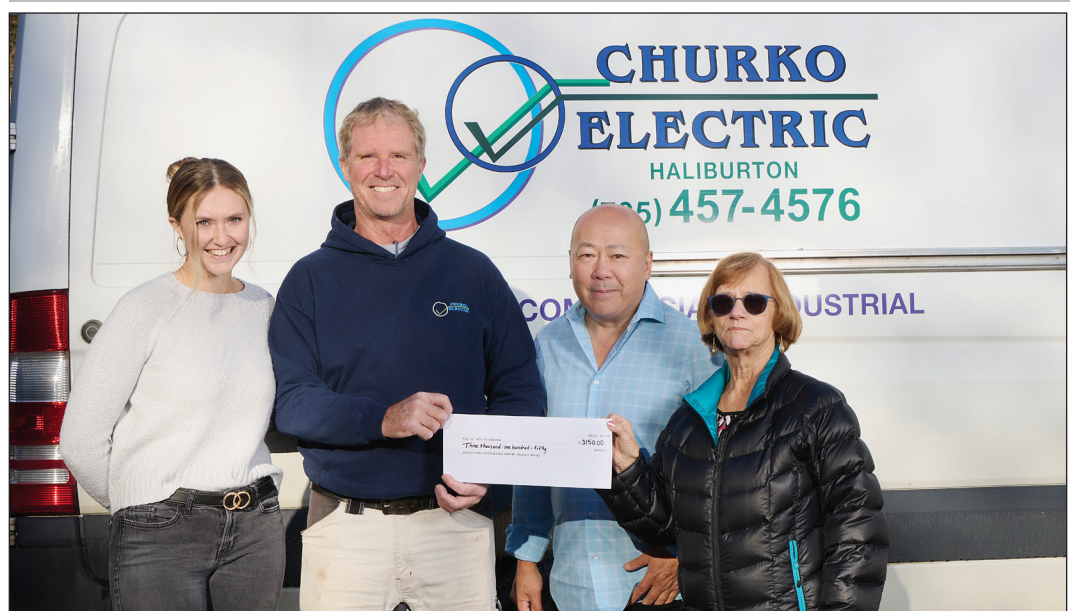


Photo fundraiser supports food bank

The Fotos for Food Bank fundraiser put on by Nation Wong Photographics raised \$3,150 for the Haliburton Food Bank through a community raffle where local businesses could buy raffle tickets to enter and win a professional photography business package. Churko Electric was the lucky winner of the contest, and pictured are Rachel Churko, from left, Steve Churko, Nation Wong, and Judy Macduff. The event was sponsored by Haliburton Foodland and Todd's Independent Grocer.

/Submitted



pic of the past

Out for a drive (circa 1937). On the roof of the car Bryce Hussey, Bernice Kellett Hussey, and Carl Hussey (lying down). Vi Kellett in rumble seat. /FILE



Give ART a (second) chance

Rails End Gallery is bringing ART HEAVEN back to life! This show and sale of original art, craft and vintage items was hugely popular back in 2015 and 2016 when Rails End found loving homes for dozens of pre-loved art objects, at prices well within reach of art-lovers! This year’s organizers are pretty sure there’s some great original art, pottery, craft and vintage jewelry out there waiting for another chance to be seen and appreciated. They are seeking contributions from the community.

Can’t bear to toss it in the bin? Too nice for the thrift? Wouldn’t it be nice to know it’s going to a good home? By giving your unwanted, pre-loved or just “not my type” of art to Rails End you are keeping it in circulation, allowing someone else to enjoy it or even to start their first collection of original art, handcrafted pottery or sculpture. Past donations have included a wedding gift piece of handmade pottery, vintage jewelry from a stylish Auntie, Estate original oil paintings, framed limited edi-

tions and a sculpture created from railway spikes... the sky really is the limit at ART HEAVEN. All the better if your contribution comes with a good story!

Have you recently downsized? Refreshing your collection? Want to help out your favourite community art gallery? Consider contributing to ART HEAVEN’s success by contributing your “pre-loved” original art, craft or vintage jewelry. The cut-off date for drop-off is Nov. 11.

ART HEAVEN Opening Night is Friday, Nov. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. and the event continues until Dec. 18 during regular gallery hours. All proceeds go to support Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, a not-for-profit art gallery located in Haliburton’s vintage rail station.

Contact: Laurie or Michelle at info@railsendgallery.com or call 705-457-2330 to learn how you and/or your art can become involved in ART HEAVEN 2023.

Submitted by Laurie Jones, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre



Carving out creativity

Local artist Keith Rydberg gave a wood carving demonstration at Rails End Gallery on Saturday, Oct. 21, revealing how he creates intricate animal and human figures to a group of aspiring carvers. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

Legendary Downchild Blues to pay tribute to late, great Canoe FM host

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

The Legendary Downchild Blues Band will be gracing the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Oct. 26.

And this band is no small change. Having won multiple Juno awards, performing some of the most played songs in Canada, and touring around the world; the band has caused quite a stir by announcing their arrival in the Haliburton Highlands.

They worked with the Haliburton Buckslide Blues Society to coordinate the location on their tour, but all members agreed to come to celebrate one person: Patrick Monaghan.

Many would recognize Patrick's voice from his Buckslide Blues show on Canoe FM. "Patrick was a great friend and a great supporter of blues music," said Downchild Blues' bassist Gary Kendall when he chatted with the Echo prior to the show, "and our show will really be a tribute to him, because if you open up the dictionary and look up the word 'dedication', it would be a picture of Pat."

The esteemed blues fan and community voice passed away in July of 2023 after a battle with cancer. His absence has been noticed heavily in both the local and blues communities, and the Downchild Blues Band hopes to honour and celebrate his life in the way he would have loved most: with blues music.

The band has been on tour for nearly 55 years, with Donnie Walsh as the leader and co-founder kicking off the venture in the early 1970s. "I saw them play in 1970,"



The Legendary Downchild Blues Band will be arriving in Haliburton on Oct. 26, to wow audiences, and pay tribute to local blues hero, Patrick Monaghan. /photo submitted

said Kendall, "and I instantly became a fan, they were my favourite band." As band members shifted and changed while the band evolved, Kendall got the opportunity to step in as lead bassist 33 years ago, and has been on the road with them ever since.

Kendall shared that his taste for blues music started when he was a child. "When I was young and deciding that I wanted to get into music, at a very young age, I knew I needed to develop an appreciation for all music," he said. "Blues was the one that really reached out and grabbed me. Once I started listening, there was no turning back."

As a result of his admiration for the

genre, Kendall started meeting "like-minded people," who shared his interest and passion for the sound. This was how he became friends with Donnie Walsh, and eventually led to his full time placement in the Legendary Downchild Blues Band.

The band skyrocketed to the top of the charts when Dan Ackroyd and the late John Belushi started their Blues Brothers blitz, adding multiple Downchild tunes to their hugely popular Briefcase Full of Blues record of 1978.

From that point, Downchild kept the wheels turning, and continued to have energy, pizzazz, and momentum to keep touring across the country for decades.

Their singles continue to be outplayed on Canadian radio stations, beating out the likes of Justin Bieber and Shawn Mendes to the top of the charts.

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— Gary Kendall,
Downchild Blues bassist

But their roots have stayed true to the heart and soul behind blues music. That's why, at their core, the smaller shows in rural communities continue to be their desired venues. Particularly when there's an opportunity to pay tribute to a dear friend.

"Pat was more than just a small town local blues guy," said Kendall, "everyone knew him. Every member of all the blues bands recognized him. He had a passion for music and a passion for life."

The Legendary Downchild Blues Band will be playing in Haliburton on Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. There are still some tickets available, and can be purchased at www.downchild.com/tour-dates/.

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Cool carnivores

Royal Canadian Falconry presented American Kestrel, Peregrine hybrid, Gyrfalcon, Red-tailed hawk and a Harris' hawk on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve during Yours Outdoors' Predator Prowl. The experience also included an in depth overview of the Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve's resident wolves. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



Wolf Centre staff give details about the centre's resident wolves to Predator Prowl goers.



A wolf from the wolf centre hangs around the viewing area for visitors to get a better look.





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Collaboration is key to success in tourism industry, says OHTO boss

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization aims high, despite modest resources.

And Nicole Whiting, executive director, said during the Oct. 17 annual general meeting that the group's accomplishments are due largely to the collaborative efforts of the OHTO board, the membership, and individual tourism industry operators.

The Ontario Highlands is one of 13 regions in Ontario that comprises six counties and 45 municipalities.

"And we are entirely rural," Whiting said.

She said the area under the umbrella of the OHTO is the second largest in the province. The Ontario government provides about \$740,000 in provincial funding.

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The louder we can speak as a collective voice, the better.

— Nicole Whiting, Ontario Highlands Tourism executive director

"We are the second largest, but that level of funding is the lowest funding in the province," Whiting said. "We are always advocating to increase our share of the tourism funding pie. Of course, the louder we can speak as a collective voice, the better."

Tourism is "big business," she said. The financial windfall from tourism translates into federal, provincial, and municipal tax revenues, she said.

Being a rural zone, similar tourism experiences are offered throughout the region. And that makes it easier for consistent messaging to audiences and to tailor programming in a way that benefits a greater number of industry stakeholders.

"We continue to be poised for growth," Whiting said.

Visitation numbers are encouraging and there's more awareness across the province about the Highlands region.

"We know our sector has a direct influence on the health of communities," she said. "Therefore, we continue to believe we have an opportunity to show leadership working with our stakeholders and our communities and, of course, our partners to accelerate change," she said.

The OHTO approach to responsible tourism has three prongs: Inclusivity, community, and sustainability.

"We are so proud that our partners support the responsible tourism approach which makes it easier to work collaboratively and leverage resources," she said.

Luisa Sorrentino, the OHTO's marketing director, said the group has taken to connecting with travelers via social media platforms.

"We just connect with them in their inspiration phase," Sorrentino said. "We combine inspirational social content that promotes the destination as well as some specific offerings that entices the traveler."

They accomplished just about 600,000 views on various social media platforms in 2022. People who visited the region because of their social media visits would have referred the region to other people based on their experience.

"We want to make sure that visitors go from inspiration to actually booking and bringing prosperity to our region," she said.

Kasey Rogerson, the group's industry development director, said OHTO is committed to helping operators in the region be competitive and get ahead in the game, not be merely just keeping up.

To that end, partnerships can enhance and grow tourism offerings through product and experience development and building on the skills of the work-

force and tourism operators, Rogerson said.

"In order to best support the industry, we've also taken great strides ... to increase our industry engagement and communications," she said.

And that's led to partnerships with

organizations and operators from far afield.

"As part of industry support, we are actively researching the latest travel and tourism market trends and best practices," Rogerson said.



In the limelight

Members of the Ctrl-ART-Del theatre company for young adults perform a scene during a Contemporary Scene Study Performance at the Haliburton Legion on Sunday, Oct. 15. The company aims to bring fresh ideas to theatre in the county through contemporary work. Check out the theatre's 2024 season at www.ctrlartdel.ca/mainstage. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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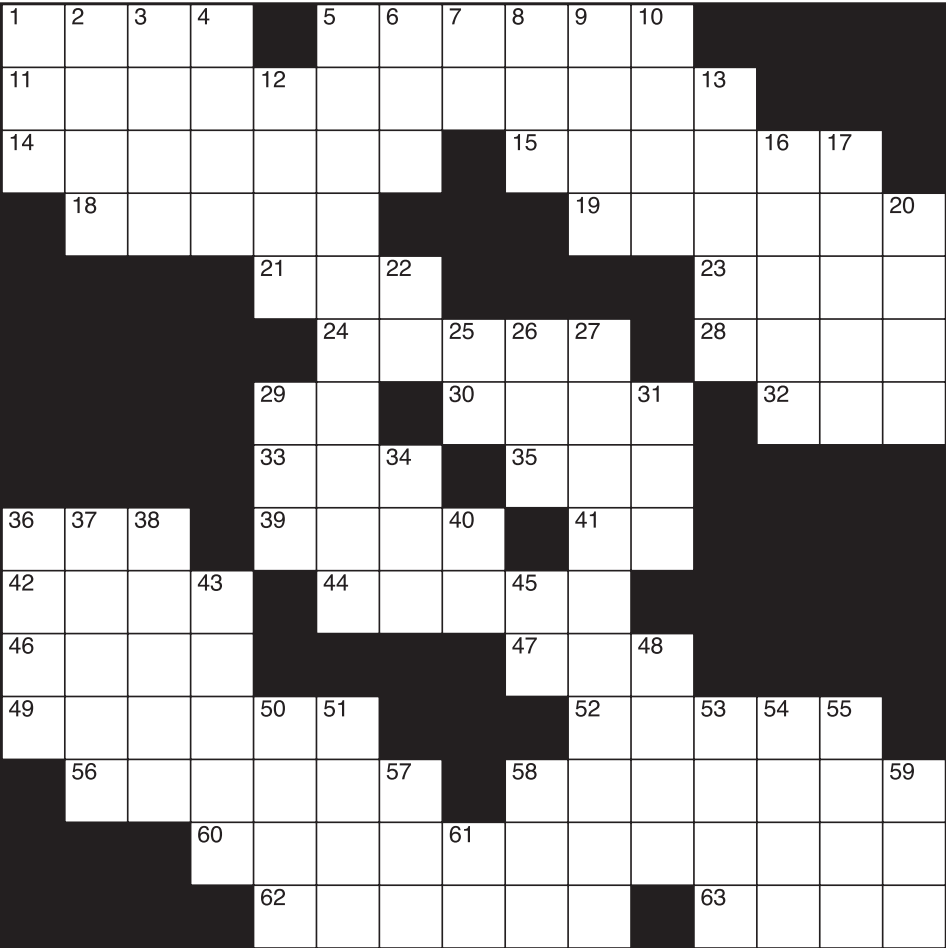
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 - 15. Washington city
 - 18. Stiff structures in invertebrates
 - 19. Mark over a vowel
 - 21. Explosive
 - 23. Popular race: __ 500
 - 24. Pile up
 - 28. Mint
 - 29. Commercial
 - 30. A minute amount (Scottish)
 - 32. Small Eurasian deer
 - 33. Baseball stat
 - 35. Numbers cruncher
 - 36. Japanese masked drama
 - 39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
 - 41. Blood group
 - 42. Assist in wrongdoing
 - 44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
 - 46. Grayish-white
 - 47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
 - 49. Microorganism
 - 52. Place under prohibition
 - 56. Calm, dependable
 - 58. Congressman
 - 60. Force
 - 62. As a result of this document
 - 63. One of two main branches of Islam

CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Make a mistake
 - 2. Gordon and Snider are two
 - 3. Geographical region of Finland
 - 4. Ejected saliva
 - 5. A way of performing
 - 6. Scotland's longest river
 - 7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
 - 8. Body art
 - 9. Two-toed sloth
 - 10. Electronic counter-counter-measures
 - 12. Foolish person (Brit.)
 - 13. Of the wind
 - 16. Grand home
 - 17. Sound
 - 20. English river
 - 22. Symbol indicating ownership
 - 25. Exclamation of surprise
 - 26. Pouch
 - 27. Apart from
 - 29. Satisfaction
 - 31. The bill in a restaurant
 - 34. Sea bream
 - 36. Port in southern Japan
 - 37. Double-reed instruments
 - 38. Center
 - 40. South Dakota
 - 43. An orderly crowd
 - 45. Indicates position
 - 48. __-pedi
 - 50. Nonsense (slang)
 - 51. Republic of Ireland
 - 53. Nocturnal flyers
 - 54. American state
 - 55. Clusters in fern fronds
 - 57. Patriotic women
 - 58. A person's brother or sister
 - 59. Breed of sheep
 - 61. Popular film "Despicable __"

Answers on page 13



The Huskies bench during a shift change. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

Huskies Stun the Golden Hawks Again, Finish Weekend 1 and 1

The Haliburton County Huskies completed their weekend of OJHL competition with something notably absent: a home game. After their last stunning victory at home against the Trenton Golden Hawks, the Huskies took to the road to face off against the Aurora Tigers and the Hawks themselves.

Trouble with Tigers

The Huskies ventured out to Aurora to face off against the Tigers, a team that has given them much trouble this season. The last game against this team ended in a 3-3 draw after the Tigers stormed back to tie the game in the third.

This time, the Tigers were hungry, and they came out the gate strong. By the three minute mark of the second period, the Huskies found themselves down 3-0. Goals from Asher Goduco, Jacob Carroll and Luke Hampel, meant the Huskies needed to push hard in the second if they had any shot of winning this contest.

At 6:38, the Huskies finally stopped the bleeding and got on the board courtesy of Lucas Vacca. Picking up this third of the season, the Huskies managed to add another goal less than 30 seconds later. This time, it was Antonio Cerqua that added the tally. Just like that, the Huskies were only own 3-2 heading into the third.

Unfortunately, Hampel added his second of the night to send the Huskies home with a 4-2 loss at the hands of the Aurora Tigers. Vlad Visan was pulled after allowing 3 goals on 6 shots, backup Logan Kennedy ended up going 12 for 13 in his relief effort.

Grounding the Golden Hawks

The Huskies seemed to have had the Golden Hawks number these past few seasons, creating excitement after excitement each time the teams played each

other. This time the battle moved to the Hanger in Trenton, and as always, the teams didn't disappoint.

Despite no scoring in the first, Huskies Goaltender Logan Kennedy was busy in the crease. Making save after save, the 16-year-old keeper made a key stop going cross crease to rob the Golden Hawks of what was surely a golden goal.

However, the Hawks did break the seal in the second thanks to a power-play goal from Charlie Key. The power-play was a result of Ty Petrou incurring a game misconduct for interference from the bench penalty, in which Petrou was ejected from the game.

Despite a key loss in the Huskies lineup for the rest of the game, the Huskie countered the Hawks one powerplay goal with two of their own. Captain Patty Saini added his tenth goal of the year on the powerplay, while John Mead added his third of the season also on the mad advantage. Despite the struggles the Huskies powerplay unit has seen, they were firing on all cylinders Sunday night.

To close out the game, the Huskies had to fend off a massive charge from the Hawks, but when the dust settled Vacca potted the empty net to send the Huskies with a huge two point win over the Golden Hawks.

Kennedy picked up a massive 27 save win, received first star honours and the game jacket. The Huskies now move to 2-0 on the season series with Trenton but still stay at 10th in the divisional standings six points outside the top five.

To make up for the away schedule last week, the Huskies will have two home games this week. Tuesday will see the Milton Menace come to town, while Friday the Huskies venture to the St Michael's College Arena to take on the Buzzers, before returning home against the Cougars on Saturday.



Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

Send a letter to the editor to
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HHSS HIGHLIGHTS



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club students will once again be collected non-perishable food items for the Haliburton County Food Bank this Halloween for their We Scare Hunger campaign. The club will have a box located in the school for drop off donations, they will be collecting items at the Trunk or Treat event at Head Lake Park on the evening of Monday Oct. 31, and will be going door to door in some neighbourhoods on Halloween night. /FILE



The Haliburton Highlands boys volleyball team plays a game during their practice in the school gym last week. /TIM YANO
Special to the *Echo*



The HHSS girls basketball team shoots some hoops during practice. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



Coaches demonstrate drills at a girls field hockey practice at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



PUBLIC NOTICE
Evergreen Cemetery

Municipality of Dysart have submitted the amendments to the following By-law, which will be considered by Council at their meeting on November 28, 2023

- By-law No. 2021-34 – Cemetery Maintenance and Management By-Law for Evergreen Cemetery; and

Further information on these proposed changes are available on
Dysart's website: <https://www.dysartetal.ca>

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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, November 8th, 2023
- **TIME:** 11:00 AM
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in the Council Chambers and electronically via Zoom. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2023-023 Cox
 - The following variances are requested to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming residential use on a lot located in the CT zone:
 - a) A variance pursuant to Section 45(2)(a)(i) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming use for a dwelling such that the total area excluding decks is 200 square metres (2153 square feet). Decks are restricted to 45 square metres (484 square feet).
 - b) A variance to Section 7.2 to permit a dwelling to have a minimum exterior side lot line setback of 7.5 metres (24.6 feet) as opposed to the legal non-complying setback of 9.35 metres (30.68 feet).
 - c) A variance to Section 3.30(a) to permit a dwelling to have a minimum street setback from the centre of Klondike Road of 12 metres (39.37 feet), as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.41 feet).
 - d) A variance pursuant to Section 45(2)(a)(i) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 to permit the expansion of a legal non-conforming use for a shed such that the total area is 14.5 square metres (156 square feet).
 - e) A variance to Section 7.2 to permit a shed to have a minimum exterior side lot line setback of 0.9 metres (2.9 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 13.5 metres (44.29 feet).
 - f) A variance to Section 3.30(a) to permit a shed to have a minimum street setback from the centre of Klondike Road of 6 metres (19.6 feet), as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57.41 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 30, Concession 7, in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
2. D13-MV-2023-025 Kuzni
 - The following variances are requested to permit an increased lot coverage and a garage to have a decreased street setback on a lot located in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a maximum lot coverage of 18.4% as opposed to the permitted maximum of 15%.
 - b) A variance to Section 3.30(b) to permit a private garage to have a minimum street setback from the edge of the travelled portion of Wilkinson Road of 6.5 metres (21 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 7.5 metres (25 feet).
 - c) A variance to Section 3.30 (a) to permit a private garage to have a minimum street setback from the centre of Wilkinson Road of 10 metres (33 feet) as opposed to the required minimum of 17.5 metres (57 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 7, Concession 2, Lot 8, Plan 378, in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
3. D13-MV-2023-026 Archer
 - The following variances are requested to permit a decreased water setback for a seasonal dwelling and a garage on a lot located in the WR5L zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum water setback of 21 metres (68.8 feet), as opposed to the required 25 metres (82 feet) as granted by minor variance D13-MV-2004-023.
 - b) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum water setback of 16 metres (52.4 feet), as opposed to the required 20 metres (65.5 ft) as granted by minor variance D13-MV-2004-023.
 - Location: Part Lot 5, Concession 3, Part 4, Plan 19R4572, in the Geographic Township of Harcourt, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.
4. D13-MV-2023-027 Davison & Semler-Davison
 - The following variance is requested to permit a decreased interior side lot line setback for a seasonal dwelling on a lot located in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a seasonal dwelling to have a minimum interior side lot line setback of 2 metres (6.5 feet), as opposed to the required minimum of 4.5 metres (15 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 9, Concession 7, Parts 3 to 6, Plan 19R9117, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at jiles@dysartetal.ca.

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence, and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions.

A COPY OF THE DECISION will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



Environmental learning at Haliburton Forest

Students from the East Elgin Secondary School Environmental Leadership Program took a trip to Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve from Oct. 10 to 14 where the group biked 18 kilometres to their campground at Stocking Lake. They participated in rock climbing, hiking, and learned about tree identification, the sustainable harvesting of timber, and forest ecology. /LAURA SMITH Staff

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

At the Community Centre, Drop Zone is still operating. Every Friday, 4 to 9 p.m. activities are open in the form of games for the very young and onwards. Saturdays are available for birthday parties. Contact Susan at 705-754-2168 or Cheryl at 705-754-3210.

In a different vein, all ages can now find ways to develop and support one another by attending martial arts from and with an excellent instructor. Classes are open through the week in the basement of the Centre. To find out about signing up, look in during the afternoon at the Centre or

visit www.kcmaschool.com.

Although hunting season proper doesn't begin until the first Monday in November, moose season starts earlier on the third week in October. There might be news from the camp by next reporting.

Congratulations to Shirley Johnston with her luck on the Vacation Lottery Draw. Shirley and Bruce will travel the Rhine River Cruise. The trip starts with the flight landing in Amsterdam, and we wish them all the joys of the whole journey. The source of this news was Shirley who was present at the Haliburton County Historical Society. Twenty-one was the number of the audience at the Museum. Roxanne, manager of Canoe FM and Paul Vorvis, chair of the board of directors, gave informed answers for all our questions. Heather Sargent, Larry Hall, and Bill Gliddon offered insights into the 20 years of success of the station.



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Timothy Ernest Laframboise

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Timothy Ernest Laframboise, who left this world after a brief illness on Friday, October 13, 2023, at the age of 67. He was surrounded by his loving family in his final moments.

Tim was the beloved soulmate of Tracey, a devoted father and stepfather to his children, Ryan (Christine), Jenny (Mike), Ashley (Josh), and Brad (Olivia), and the cherished son of Dawn (Dave).

In addition to his children, Tim leaves behind a legacy in the form of his five grandchildren, one great-grandson, and a collection of hideously ugly tropical print t-shirts. He loved classic country music, always knew the Beer Store hours, and volunteered at more Canadian Dachshund Rescue events than he would like you to know.

He was predeceased by his identical twin brother, Terry (Jodi), and his father, "Bud" Romeo.

As a faithful companion, Tim will be profoundly missed by his couch partners, Tiny and Lily.

Tim touched the lives of so many with his quiet strength, patient and gentle spirit, and steadfast commitment to being there for those he loved. He was a man of integrity, a loving partner, father, and grandfather, and a devoted, if seemingly reluctant, dog dad. His memory will be cherished and celebrated by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Honouring Tim's wishes, in lieu of a service the family asks that donations be made to Haliburton Pet Owners Assistance Fund and that friends and family remember Tim as he would have wanted - privately, and with a nice cold beer.





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GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

As their very last order of business, on Monday Dysart councillors took a giant step towards making the Silver Beach Lifestyle Community a reality by rezoning the property from tourist commercial to suburban residential.

After facing a barrage of concerns during last week's public meeting, the municipality worked diligently with the developer to address the bulk of concerns from neighbouring residents, and last-minute changes to the proposal certainly reflect that, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told council.

"In particular, the most dramatic change is with the commercial areas, which were the most controversial and unacceptable to the adjoining property owners," said Fearrey. "The developer, in my opinion, was more gracious than most would have been and has pulled those commercial zonings altogether and allowed those to be used as part of the condominium concept."

Originally the plan had called for a total of 59 condominium units, with a section of land to be zoned for commercial uses. What seemed to irk residents, however, was that council was provided with only a list of potential uses (such as a bistro, spa, or massage therapy clinic), which meant council didn't know what specific uses it would be approving.

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Dysart hopes to escape ballot blues

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A decision to stick with Canada Post for next week's municipal elections may have saved Dysart et al from having to sing the spoiled ballot blues.

While some municipalities have had as many as 25 per cent of the ballots submitted improperly, Dysart's CAO isn't expecting the same problem in her municipality.

Tammy McKelvey says that although council seriously

looked at hiring a company called Data Fix to handle the mail-in ballots, it decided to once again hire Canada Post to provide the service.

Canada Post's choice of envelopes might have unexpectedly made her job a lot easier.

When people receive their ballot kit by mail, they're supposed to fill out their ballot, seal it in the secrecy envelop and then sign a declaration saying they are who they are and have a

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Running for a win



BRYN WEESE/ECHO

It took more than a decade to earn boasting rights, but the HHSS Red Hawks are in the running for the Central Ontario championships after Saturday's 7-1 victory over Peterborough's Adam Scott Secondary School. Kieran Gillooly, #96, had the honour of scoring the first point in the low-scoring match. It was a sweet victory since Adam Scott has stymied the Red Hawks' aspirations to advance for the past two seasons. Details on page 14 and 15.

Lack of town water not a hindrance: Fearrey

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Would Canadian Tire be coming to Haliburton, and not Minden, if only we had a town water system? Or would Tim Hortons be looking to buy prime real estate on Highland Street?

For years some have argued

that a town water system would open the doors to a development boom in Haliburton village, but long-standing reeve Murray Fearrey says that's simply not the case.

"It's absolute nonsense to think that there are businesses not coming here because there's no town water," Fearrey says. "To say that's why there's no

Tim Hortons here or no Canadian Tire, there's just no truth to that whatsoever."

Despite the fact that most water in Haliburton is drawn from wells, Fearrey says that neither the quantity nor quality of the town's water has ever been considered a hindrance by potential developers. Since the village is part of a sewage sys-

tem, and there is very little farmland in the area, Haliburton's water table has maintained a high level of quality without contamination. And there's more than enough of it to go around, says Fearrey.

"Volumes of water have never been an issue in Haliburton;

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